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SUBJ: DEA NARCOTICS: JANDARMA/TNP INTELLIGENCE PLAN

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUPPLIED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL.

2. INTELLIGENCE PROPOSAL HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO GOT AUTHORITY ABOVE JANDARMA BECAUSE OF UNSTABLE POLITICAL SITUATION, I.E., IT WAS DEEMED INADVISABLE TO PRESENT PLAN TO MININT BECAUSE HIS LIKELY EARLY DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE WOULD MAKE DEMARCHE FRUITLESS EXERCISE.

3. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT JANDARMA WILL COOPERATE WITH TNP IN A JOINT CENTER AS THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS "INCONVENIENT."

4. SEPARATE INTELLIGENCE CENTERS ARE HIGHLY FEASIBLE IF APPROVAL CAN BE OBTAINED TO INITIATE THE PROGRAM FROM THE GOT. DEA HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS WITH JANDARMA COMMANDERS TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES TO ORIGINAL PLAN SINCE 5 FEBRUARY (DATE OF US AID CUTOFF). THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, JANDARMA
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CMDR. YIGIT HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH DEA REGIONAL

DIRECTOR BRIGGS WHEN YIGIT SCHEDULE PERMITS.

5. TNP DIRGEN EQUALLY UNAVAILABLE TO DEA ALTHOUGH DEA REPS HOPE FOR MEETING WITH DEP DIRGEN SENEL 26 MARCH FOR DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATIVE INTELLIGENCE PLAN COVERING TNP JURISDICTIONS IN GROWING PROVINCES AS WELL AS ISTANBUL, IZMIR AND ANKARA. UNFORTUNATELY, SENEL DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR IMPLEMENT AND HIS INFLUENCE WITH DIRGEN TUFEKCI ALMOST ZERO.

6. RECENT FIELD TRIP BY DEA REP FOUND PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEFS AMENABLE TO AN INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM BUT THEY BEMOANED LACK OF DIRECTION FROM ANKARA AND REALISTICALLY POINTED OUT JANDARMA PROPER PARTNER FOR DEA FOR FULL COVERAGE OF PROGRAM IN GROWING AREAS.

7. IF GOT CONCURRENCE OBTAINED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, PROGRAM COULD BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO HARVEST.

8. DEA FUNDING ALREADY PROPOSED WOULD MEET NEEDS OF PROGRAM IN ADDITION TO TDY SUPPORT FROM DEA-IG. DEA PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE.

9. GOT OPIUM CONTROL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SUFFER FROM LACK OF CENTRAL LEADERSHIP AND RESULTING LACK OF COORDINATION OF EFFORTS BY VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED. ADDED TO THIS CONTINUING PROBLEM IS THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP RESULTING FROM THE ARMS EMBARGO OF 5 FEBRUARY. JANDARMA HAS REMAINED COURTEOUS TO DEA WHILE STANDING AT ARMS-LENGTH AND ADVISING DEA TO WAIT UNTIL THE DUST SETTLES.

10. DEA UNABLE FULLY ANALYZE TUFEKCI'S RETICENCE BUT IT IS RECOGNIZED HE HAD BEEN ABSORBED IN BUDGET HEARINGS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN EASTERN PROVINCES.
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